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FOR FROWICK FROM SCHMIDT

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON 1968 INVASION AND  
POSSIBLE REPRESSION OF DISSIDENTS ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY.  
AS WE DISCUSSED HERE LAST WEEK, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT  
IF YOU WOULD GO AHEAD AND SEND US A DRAFT STATEMENT ON  
THESE SUBJECTS WHICH WE COULD THEN HAVE READY FOR USE AS  
PRESS GUIDANCE IF WE ARE ASKED FOR COMMENT. PLEASE  
PREPARE A SEPARATE STATEMENT ON EACH SUBJECT: THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1968 SOVIET INVASION AND REPRESSION OF  
DISSIDENTS ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY ITSELF, SHOULD SUCH  
ACTION OCCUR.

2. DIEBOLD VISIT. JOHN DIEBOLD, CHAIRMAN, THE DIEBOLD  
GROUP, INC., (MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS), 430 PARK AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022, WILL VISIT PRAGUE AUGUST 12-18  
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AS THE PERSONAL GUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK.  
DIEBOLD, A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE SECRETARY'S, PERSONALLY  
INTRODUCED HIM TO CHNOUPEK AT A DINNER PARTY IN HIS HOME.  
DIEBOLD MET WITH SAM FROMOWITZ AND JIM GLENN YESTERDAY  
(AUGUST 2) TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING ON THE POLITICAL AND  
ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. DIEBOLD WAS TO  
MEET LATER YESTERDAY WITH DCM KUKAN AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK

EMBASSY AND HOPED THEN TO LEARN THE SCHEDULE CHNOUPEK WOULD LIKE HIM TO FOLLOW IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. DIEBOLD WILL INFORM US OF THEIR CONVERSATION. DIEBOLD WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND TO RECEIVE AN EMBASSY BRIEFING. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHOM HE SHOULD MEET, WHAT HE SHOULD SAY, AND WHAT HE SHOULD SEE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE WOULD PREFER TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS AT THE DECISION-MAKING LEVEL WHO WILL BE FRANK WITH HIM. I THINK HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE AMBASSADOR HOSTING A COCKTAIL ONE EVENING DURING HIS VISIT, IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. DIEBOLD COULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO US IN REITERATING OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE GOC'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITHIN EXISTING CONSTRAINTS. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON SUBSTANCE OF KUKAN/DIEBOLD MEETING.

3. NEW E/C OFFICER. BOB BRADTKE, WHO REPLACES SAM FROMOWITZ AS OUR MAN IN EE FOR E/C ISSUES CONCERNING YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CAME ON BOARD THIS WEEK. (SAM'S LAST DAY IS TODAY.) BOB'S LAST POST WAS ZAGREB. WE HOPE HE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE AN ORIENTATION TRIP TO PRAGUE AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE EARLY FALL AND WILL BE ADVISING YOU ANON RE POSSIBLE TIMING. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, LET US KNOW.

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4. LUERS DEPARTURE. IN CASE YOU DID NOT LEARN IT DURING YOUR CONSULTATIONS, IT'S NOW AN OPEN SECRET THAT BILL LUERS WILL BE LEAVING US TO BECOME AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA. TIMING IS NOT DEFINITE YET, BUT IT LOOKS NOW AS THOUGH HE'LL BE LEAVING US EARLY NEXT MONTH. BILL WILL BE SENDING A MESSAGE TO ALL OUR POSTS ON THIS SOON.

5. REGARDING YOUR LATEST O-I (PRAGUE 2046), WE'LL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE POUCHED REPORTS IN THE "BITS AND PIECES" CATEGORY AND ALSO FOR YOUR O-I ON THE MCGOVERN VISIT. WE'LL ALSO VERIFY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF JUST WHO ROUTINELY GETS DISTRIBUTION ON THE EXDIS MESSAGES ON CLAIMS/GOLD AND LET YOU KNOW. VANCE

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